

**THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, HELD ITS REGULAR MEETING ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2007 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING.**

**PRESENT:** Anthony B. Toran, President, Matt Denison, Chas Hunter, Police Chief Merl Harl, Corporal Todd Bailey, Code Enforcement Officer Pam Badger, Fire Chief Stanley Mason, Street Dept Director Chuck Simons, Deputy City Clerk Mindy Milburn, Building Commissioner Ron Hartman, Flood Control Director Ron Granger

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**Mr. Toran called the meeting to order 10:03 a.m.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Item #1 Sylvia Amos with Sign Makers ETC. re: sinage at 210 W. Main Street in a public right-of-way.**

**Mr. David Amos** explained to the board that they would like to put a sign coming off the building at 210 W. Main Street and explained the dimensions to the board and presented them with a photograph. He stated that the sign is made of foam so they want to keep it high enough so that kids can't destroy it. He asked if he needed any kind of permit or anything like that.

**Mr. Toran** stated that as long as he had the board's permission he was okay to move forward.

**Mr. Dennison moved to approve, Mr. Hunter second, all voted in favor**

**Item # 2 Steve Shrout re: Christmas Trees at the Farmer's Market on Scribner Street. (Marcey to present) 502-905-5193**

**Ms. Milburn** stated that Ms. Wisman was out of the office right now so she was unable to be at the meeting and explained that Mr. Shrout stated that he has been selling Christmas trees from this location for many years and would like to get permission to do so again this year.

**Mr. Denison** stated that this is a standard thing that has been going on for many years and suggested that they approve it for 2 months.

**Mr. Denison moved to approve for November and December, Mr. Hunter second, all voted in favor**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OFFICIALS:**

**Chief Mason** requested the approval of the board for the following changes in the New Albany Fire Department. FF/EMT-1 Robert Hannon Squad 12 C-Crew to Acting Sergeant Truck 1 C-Crew effective October 15, 2007

**Mr. Hunter moved to approve, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor**

**Mr. Hunter** stated that the Wooded Valley subdivision came to the board with some traffic issues and he met with the County Engineer Gordon Martin who had already prepared a solution and they took it to Scott Wood and asked that it be taken to the Traffic Engineer Mr. Schellinberg and that is where it stands. He stated that if they approve this plan it is going to require a lot of striping and he wanted to inform Mr. Simons that they would need help from the street department and he would get with them once it was approved.

**Mr. Taylor** stated that they collected 2000-3000 pounds of debris from the catch basins after the parade in getting ready for the booths set up they found several that were very clogged but will have them done by weeks in and they managed to find 40 cones and they will get them to the street department as required. He explained that they will be there at 7:30 the Monday following the Harvest Homecoming to get things cleaned up.

**Mr. Toran** stated that he would like to thank everyone for a job well done on the parade.

**Chief Harl** asked about dogs being downtown during the Harvest Homecoming and asked if that is something that the board ruled on or if it had to go to the Harvest Homecoming Committee. He stated that they were told in years past to run them out but he didn't know if there was an official procedure because they have had a lot of trouble in the past with them.

**Mr. Toran** stated that he agrees with Chief Harl but he would like to get with the Harvest Homecoming Committee to let them know what is going on and what they want to do and asked if there were any activities going on downtown that involved animals.

**Corporal Bailey** stated he believed there is a dog show/beauty contest scheduled.

**Mr. Hunter moved to approve pending the Harvest Homecoming approval, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor**

**Mr. Granger** wanted to remind everyone that he needed help with the booths tomorrow and asked for volunteers to come down and assist them with set up.

**Mr. Denison** stated that in previous years there were instances where people would set up booths in their yards during Harvest Homecoming and he wants to clarify what the policy is on this issue.

**Mr. Toran** stated that last year a representative from the Harvest Homecoming would go out with him and they would speak to the individuals and explain the rules and procedures and they would move forward from there. He stated that he was asking for permission to close the 600 block of Spring Street to accommodate the CSPAN bus for Destination Booksellers from 11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**Mr. Hunter moved to approve, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor**

**Mr. Toran** asked Mr. Simons to drop off some blockades for them.

**Mr. Granger** asked if they made plans to get the extension cords up with the bucket truck before the traffic moves in.

**Mr. Simons** stated that he would address that issue.

**Mr. Toran** asked Mr. Hartman if they had inspectors ready for the booths

**Mr. Hartman** stated he would have them ready

**Mr. Toran** asked Chief Mason if he was ready.

**Chief Mason** stated that engine 3 truck 1, and engine 1 would be going down to assist.

**Mr. Taylor** stated that they would have the odor control material ready for the basins Thursday morning.

**Mr. Toran** stated that they are going to have something new this year for teens called “Teen Scene” with a band and a DJ in an attempt to get the kids out of the center of the booth area and it will end at 11:00 p.m. He explained that the Harvest Homecoming will only be using Southern Indiana Waste on Sunday for clean-up and they have some high school volunteers that are coming in each night.

**Mr. Toran** stated that he asked Mr. Schellinberg to come in and talk with them about Daisy Lane so that they can try to come up with a permanent solution to the problems.

**Mr. Schellinberg** explained that the MUTCD manual that all engineers use states that high-speed, restricted view, indicate a need for a stop sign and then the second statement says that stop signs should not be used for speed control. He stated that there are in opposition of one another and this is where engineering judgment comes in. He stated that in this situation they would normally do an engineering study and he got a price from Traffic Engineering for \$2100 to evaluate the speed and volume data on three different areas of Daisy Lane. He stated that they would also need accident data provided because that could have an impact and then they would write the report. He stated that he is still in the middle of trying to figure out what to do with Shell Lane. He stated that the study would also include other options besides a stop sign like speed bumps or cushions.

**Mr. Hunter** stated that there is no study that will warrant a stop sign at Roseview Terrace.

**Mr. Schellinberg** stated that he wouldn’t be able to say that until after the study was done.

**Corporal Bailey** stated that the complaint that they were referring to had nothing to do with speed, and putting up stop signs at every driveway and alley isn’t going to correct anything because the issue is of a personal nature with the police department. He stated that in his opinion to do a \$2100 study based on this complaint is just going to set the precedent for the next line of complaints.

**Mr. Toran** stated that he does think that speed is an issue in that area.

**Chief Harl** stated that they have written over 200 tickets in this area and the complaints are still going to come because it is a personal issue.

**Mr. Toran** asked Mr. Schellinberg if it would even be beneficial for the City to do this study and as an engineer what would he suggest that they do to make the situation safer for the City.

**Mr. Schellinberg** stated that the study would address that as well and offer them solutions.

**Mr. Hunter** stated that he does not know that they are getting any more complaints about this than they would get on any other street so he doesn’t know if it is that critical.

**Mr. Toran** stated that they have had an increase in complaints and issues in this area.

**Mr. Taylor** stated that they might want to consider going through police accident records from before the re-pavement and after and see if there has been an abnormal amount of accidents compared to other streets.

**Mr. Hunter** stated that he would agree with that.

**Mr. Toran** stated that it is going to be on them until they prove it and he would like to go forward with the traffic study.

**Mr. Hunter** stated that he agrees that they need information to go on before they make any decision

**Mr. Hunter moved that they proceed with a traffic study, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.**

**Mr. Simons** stated that there is a problem on Bono Road and he would suggest a study be done because where the car wash and the convenient store are it isn't a street yet cars are continuing to cut through there and they need to figure out a solution to the problem before someone gets hurt.

**Mr. Hunter** asked Mr. Schellinberg to speak with Mr. Wood about the Wooded Valley plan and give the board a report by next week.

**Chief Harl** stated that the intersection of Bono Rd and Green Valley has been an issue and he has had nothing but good feedback since they installed the stop sign.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:**

**Mr. Justin \_\_\_\_\_** with Mac Construction asked to shut down one lane on Lewis Street for a pipe burst operation to replace a sewer line and for the bypass pump they will need to close the road at Blair 185 feet from the center line of State Street to a man hole and it will be closed in 10 feet distances all way but the cars will still be able to get in and out and businesses will still be open. He stated this would last a week or so. He stated that there would be an additional closing at the intersection of Hildres and possibly Ealy once they do the final tie in that will happen later and he will bring it back to the board once it is in the works

**Mr. Dixon** said this is part of the ongoing Lewis Street project and they have an active sewer leak in this area. He stated that they are doing a pipe burst and in order to do that they have to set up machinery at some of the manholes and they need access to the intersection. He stated that they are going to set up barricades and you won't be able to pass though Blair but it will have local access.

**Mr. Hunter** asked Mr. Dixon to get the board something in writing with these dates and locations.

**Mr. Toran** stated that he was on Lewis Street the previous night and hit the spot that they were discussing and it is really bad especially in the dark.

**Mr. Dixon** stated he would go out and take a look at it.

**Mr. Hunter moved to approve, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.**

**Mr. Duggins** stated that the Council passed the ordinance for them to implement the merit system and by state statue the BOW is in charge of holding an election for the active fire fighters to come in and vote as to whether or not they would like the new merit system and it has to be done in 60 days of the passing of the ordinance and they have to give three weeks notice that the elections are going to be held. He stated that he and Chief Mason came up with three dates and he wanted to present that to the board.

**Mr. Toran** asked if he has objection to it going just one day.

**Mr. Duggins** said they hold all elections over three days because that gives the on-duty crews the opportunity to vote and in the past when they had it on one day they didn't have a good enough turn out.

**Mr. Toran** stated that if the board is responsible for the election process they would have to be available in some capacity.

**Mr. Duggins** stated that from what he read in the state statute they could appoint a chairperson to supervise all three days.

**Mr. Toran** said he would like to take the letter under advisement for the next meeting

**Mr. Toran** asked to call a special meeting for October 10th at 2 pm

**BIDS:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Mr. Denison** moved to approve the October 2nd meeting minutes, **Mr. Hunter** second, all voted in favor.

**ADJOURN:**

**There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Anthony B. Toran, President**  
**Board of Public Works & Safety**

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**Mindy Milburn, Deputy City Clerk**  
**Civil City of New Albany, Indiana**